

Notice of Exemption

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To: County Clerk
County of Merced
2222 M. Street
Merced, CA 95340

From: Merced Irrigation District
744 W. 20th Street
Merced, CA 95340

2019 APR 24 AM 8:32
MERCED COUNTY CLERK
BY: [Signature]
DEPUTY

Project Title: Projects funded under California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act benefitting Severely Disadvantaged Communities. Planada Groundwater Recharge Pilot Basin Project

Project Location: Merced County

Project Location- City: **Project Location - County:** Merced County

Project Description (Describe Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project):

This project includes a construction of 2 small recharge basins as a pilot project located east and south of the town of Planada. The first basin is outside of MID boundaries near the intersection of MID's Le Grand Canal and Miles Creek. The second basin is located within the MID boundary, south of Mariposa Creek and east of Plainsburg Road.

The pilot project basins would be approximately 1 acre each in size, as well as conveyance facilities as needed, and at least one monitoring well for each basin. The expectation is that the project will identify opportunities for local GSAs to consider further recharge projects in the vicinity.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Merced Irrigation District

Exempt Status:

- General Rule Exemption. See CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3)
- Categorical CEQA Guidelines 15301(class 1), 15303(class 3), 15304(Class 4)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project is exempt from CEQA because it falls within the so-called "common sense" exemption pursuant to CEQA guidelines, section 15061(b)(3), which indicates that CEQA only applies to projects that have a "significant effect on the environment". The proposed actions are categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines §15301(class 1), covering operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures 15303(class 3), covering the construction of new small structures or facilities §15304(class 4) covering minor public or private alterations to the condition of land or water.

Lead Agency Contact Person:

John Sweigard, General Manager – 209-722-5761 or 744 West 20th Street, Merced, CA 95340

Signature: [Signature] **Date:** 4/16/19

Title: John Sweigard, General Manager
Merced Irrigation District

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FROM: 4/24/2019

TO: 5/25/2019

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2019 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 12/01/18) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:

24-2019-038

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL *	DATE 04/24/2019
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING MERCED COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 24-2019-038	
PROJECT TITLE		

PROJECTS FUNDED UNDER CALIFORNIA'S SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT BENEFITING SEVERELY

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (209) 722-5761
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 744 W. 20TH STREET	CITY MERCED	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95340

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,271.00 \$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,354.75 \$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,112.00 \$	<u>0.00</u>

- Exempt from fee
 - Notice of Exemption (attach)
 - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach) Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00 \$	<u>0.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee	\$50.00 \$	<u>50.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	\$	<u>0.00</u>

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Lea Z. H. Holguin Deputy Clerk
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Project Description (Describe Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project):

The Franklin Beachwood area is generally served by the Meadow Brook branch of American Waters, a private water company. The majority of the service area is located within the Merced Irrigation/Urban GSA (MIUGSA), and a small portion is located in the Merced Subbsain GSA. The project is to complete a feasibility study for emergency action in case of a disruption of the groundwater supply wells owned and operated by American Waters. At a minimum, the feasibility study will provide cost, logistic and administrative challenges required to connect to the City of Atwater and/or the City of Merced Water supply. The project will help preparing for extreme conditions, such as those witnessed in 2015 by the general Merced Groundwater Basin community of groundwater pumpers.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Merced Irrigation District

Exempt Status:

- General Rule Exemption. See CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3))
- Statutory §15262;
- Ministerial (PRC §21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines §15268)

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The proposed project is exempt from CEQA because it falls within the so-called "common sense" exemption pursuant to CEQA guidelines, section §15061(b)(3), which indicates that CEQA only applies to projects that have a "significant effect on the environment". The proposed statutory exemption set provided for under CEQA Guidelines §15262 does not apply to feasibility or planning studies that will not have a legally binding effect on later activities, CEQA Guidelines §15268 "applies to discretionary projects proposed to be carried out or approved by public agencies,"

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